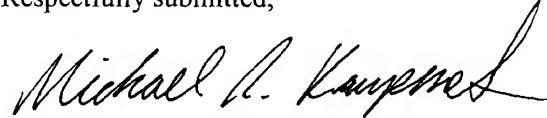


REMARKS

The specification has been amended to recite the priority data and to cancel original claims 16 and 19-27. Claims 1-15 and 17-18, therefore, are currently pending. Applicant notes that the fees associated with filing this application have been calculated accordingly.

It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/RECC:002USC2.

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